

WILD DESPERADOES SHOT.

Plucky Deputies Fight Two of the Mur-  
derous Massengales Gang and  
Kill Them in a Boat.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Jan. 20.—In the Tennessee mountains, fourteen miles from here, and in a thickly settled district known as the "Suck," there has existed for years a gang of mountain desperadoes known as the Massengales. For strangers to enter their place of hiding or

devious meant certain death. They would be held up, robbed and then murdered. Among the members of the gang are John Thomas and Silas Massengale, three of the most desperate mountain desperadoes in the South. They have been arrested several times, but on each occasion, with the assistance of friends or members of the gang, they would effect their escape. On the night of the 18th, 1891, Massengale came to this city, waylaid and murdered John Ebersole, a well-known citizen, for money. He was captured as he was making his escape.

tended to be hanged. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, and pending the hearing his gang assisted in his escape. He went to the "Suck" and has since defied the officers. Several fruitless attempts have been made to capture him. Several Hamilton County deputies were wounded while looking for the criminal. After his escape he married and two children have been born to him.

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famished from their long fast and worn out, returned to the city without securing the bodies.

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**UNCLE SAM PAYS THE BILLS.**  
Congressman Cannon Makes War on the Fee System of United States Courts.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Congressman Cannon, of Illinois, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, in his report to the House on the Urgency Deficiency bill, now pending, calls special attention to tremendous expenses entailed by the fee system of paying United States Commissioners, marshals, district attorneys and clerks. These abuses of justice perpetrated under this system have been condemned by every attorney-general since 1873, but each Congress has failed to take any effective step to apply the remedy by establishing a system of fixed salaries. Chairman Cannon states that the deficiency for expenses of United States marshals for the year 1900 amounted to more than \$3,000,000, indicating a growth of expense in this branch of the service of more than 100 per cent.

The report adds that the expenses are abnormal, but the committee must, under the law, recommend the necessary appropriation. It can only suggest that the committee empowered to take the required action.

**Workman Fell Seven Stories.**

Albert Anderson, thirty-four years old, of No. 135 Dykeman street, Brooklyn, while at work on the new building No. 103

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